

## CHAPTER 1.3.4.

### ZONING AND REGIONALISATION

#### Article 1.3.4.1.

'Zoning' is a procedure implemented by a country under the provisions of this Chapter with a view to defining geographical areas of different *animal health status* within its territory for the purpose of *international trade*, and in accordance with the recommendations stipulated in the relevant Chapters in the *Code*.

#### Article 1.3.4.2.

The requirements necessary to preserve the special health status of a zone must be appropriate to the particular disease. The requirements will differ and size, location and delineation of a zone will depend on the epidemiology of the disease, environmental factors, and surveillance and control measures applicable. The extent of zones and their limits should be established by the *Veterinary Administration* on the basis of natural, artificial or legal boundaries and made public through official channels.

Thus defined, the zones constitute the relevant geographical units for the application of the recommendations in Part 2 of the *Code*.

#### [Article 1.3.4.3.

Having established within its territory a zone in respect of a disease covered by the *Code*, and in accordance with the definitions given in the Chapter corresponding to this disease, a country must implement in and around this zone measures that meet the relevant requirements of Chapters 1.2.1., 1.2.2., 1.3.5. and 1.4.2. of the *Code*.]

#### Article 1.3.4.[4.] 3.

When an *exporting country* has defined a zone within its territory in respect of one or more of the diseases covered by the *Code*, it needs to implement the measures stipulated in the *Code* for setting up and maintaining such a zone.

An *importing country* should recognise the existence of this zone and accept the application of the appropriate measures recommended in the *Code* corresponding to the *animal health status* of the zone with regard to the importation, or transit through its territory, of *commodities* from the zone.

[NOTE: The text of Article 1.3.4.5. was transferred to Article 3.8.0.5.]